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DESPITE HIS INJURIES THE PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING HIS JOINING THE TEAM DREW REMARKABLE ATTENTION.

ALTHOUGH CLEARLY NERVOUS AT THE SIGHT OF UNCOUNTABLE CAMERAS AND JOURNALISTS, HIS DIGNIFIED GAZE WAS THAT OF A KING. THAT ALONE LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION.

GAME OVER
OR CONTINUE

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IF YOU DECEIVE ME...

... YOU'LL SEE YOURSELF REFLECTED IN MY EYES.

Volume 27: Even if the world ceased to exist

IZUMI STARTED HIS REHABILITATION IN A PRIVATE HOSPITAL, STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BY HIS SOCCER TEAM.
HE LEFT A MONTH LATER AND, SUPERVISED BY A SPECIALIST, ONCE MORE STARTED HIS TRAINING.
YOU WANT TO STAY AT A STUDENT ROOMING HOUSE?
YES.
IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR NEW MEMBERS TO LIVE THERE FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS.
IT'S NOT OBLIGATORY BUT REMEMBER MY LEG.

ONCE THE HOUSE IS FINISHED I CAN STILL RECONSIDER.
I DECIDED TO STAY THERE FOR THE TIME BEING
HMM. . . AT LEAST THIS WAY YOUR MEALS WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF.
IT'S FOR THE BEST, I GUESS.

AAAAH!
What, a serious face!
HOUSES WITH JOINED STUDIOS DON'T JUST APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE! WHATEVER.
THE ROOMING HOUSE AND TRAININGS GROUND AREN'T FAR AWAY.
SO WE HAVE TO BUILD ONE.
WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT NOW IS FOR YOU TO GET BETTER.
TAKE A SHOWER. IT IS DINNER TIME.
OKAY.
AH!
SHOULD I MASSAGE YOU FIRST?
IZUMI.

Dry off before you get cold.
Here
Thanks
CIAO! TAKE CARE!
SEE YOU, SHIBUYA
PUH.
YOU ARE TAKING THIS UNUSUALLY CALMLY, KO-CHAN.
You're great!
SOMEHOW I THOUGHT YOU'D MAKE MORE OF A FUSS.
IT IS ..
... IZUMI'S DECISION.

YES ...
RIGHT NOW IZUMI HAS NOTHING BUT SOCCER ON HIS MIND. I DON'T WANT TO STAND IN HIS WAY.
I MUSTN'T STAND IN HIS WAY.
OTHER-WISE ..
TWO MONTHS LATER ...
.. HIS REHABILITATION WAS COMPLETED AND HE MOVED IN WITH THE OTHERS.
... NO-THING ELSE.
... NO-THING BUT SOC-CER ...

... AND THE COLD WINTER WAS NEAR ITS END ...
*GRADUATION CEREMONY
EH! THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH, STOP HERE!
I CAME ALL THIS WAY, I'LL TAKE YOU RIGHT TO THE GATE.
got his driving licence
ARE YOU CRAZY? IN THIS SHOWY CAR? YOU GIT! I'LL WALK!
WAIT HERE
AND DON'T PARK NEAR THE GATE!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT.
IDIOT!
I'LL BE YOUR LEGAL GUARDIAN.
DON'T COME, YOU MIDDLE SCHOOL DROP-OUT.
THEN I'LL COME WITH YOU.

SINCE THE CHAMPIONSHIP IZUMI IS FAMOUS.
HE WAS CHOSEN FOR THE GRADUATION SPEECH. EVEN THE PRESS IS HERE.
THE NUMBER OF NEW STUDENTS AT THE TAKAHAMADAI HIGH SCHOOL HAS RISEN DRAMATICALLY.
OKAY, SEE YOU SOON.
OH!
That's right!
EVEN THOUGH AS OF YET HE HASN'T BEEN IN AN OFFICIAL GAME HIS GOOD LOOKS ALONE HAVE BEEN CAUSING ENOUGH OF A TURMOIL
IZUMIII!
THE MAGAZINES HAVE BEEN MAKING QUITE A STORY OF IZUMI'S TRAGIC PAST
AAARGH! DIE!!
SAVE ME A BUTTON!

I...
smile
PLEASE APPLAUD FOR OUR SPOKES-MAN.
TAKUTO IZUMI FROM CLASS 3 F.
... SHOULDN'T STOP YOU.
YOU ARE...
CLAP CLAP!
.. A PERSON DESERVING OF A PLACE AT THE SUN RIGHT FROM THE START.
SO BRIGHT AND SHINING...

... THAT MY EYES ...
... THREATEN TO SHATTER.
barely safe
torn out
tie and school badge gone
all buttons gone
belt gone as well
buttons of his pants as well
even the cuff-links
ぼり3...
DON'T LAUGH !!
ha he
ha ha ha
wasn't expecting anything else

I'LL WAIT FOR YOU. DON'T HURRY.
hehe
I'VE GOT ENOUGH WORK TO DO.
...
YOU CAN GO HOME, THE CLUB IS HAVING A GRADUATION PARTY.
D...DAMN! WHAT'S WITH ALL OF THEM?!
Take that with you. I'll change into my sports wear
ばさ
GRADUATION PARTY?
NOTHING BIG. JUST FOOD AND DRINK. IT MIGHT GO FOR A WHILE, THOUGH
HAVE FUN!
くる。
たたた。
こっ。
たたた。
AH...
...HN ...?
HERE, CATCH!

*TRNSL. NOTE. AT GRADUATION DAY JAPANESE BOYS GIVE THE TOP BUTTONS OF THE UNIFORMS TO THE GIRLS THEY LIKE - RESPECTIVELY THE GIRLS ASK THEM FOR THE BUTTONS

HEY, CAPTAIN, HOW IS YOUR LEG?
IT'S GETTING BETTER.
GET WELL SOON, SO WE CAN CHEER FOR YOU IN THE J-LEAGUE.
WE'LL YELL AS LOUD AS WE CAN WHEN YOU SCORE A GOAL!
OH YES? YOU'D BETTER SAVE YOUR ENERGY FOR YOUR OWN TRAINING!
LOOK WHO'S HERE!
Ha Ha Ha

HELLO .. CONGRATULATIONS
ha ha
.....
KUNIHIDE
HOW IS YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
...
SHE HAS REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS... BUT SHE BARELY TALKS..
I SEE...
WHAT IF...
KOJI WERE TO VISIT HER SOME TIME?
WHAT...?
YOU MAY NOT LIKE THE IDEA, CONSIDERING THAT IT IS HIS FAULT.
BUT MAYBE IT'LL CHANGE SOMETHING FOR HER.
WHETHER FOR BETTER OR WORSE .. THAT'S THE RISK.

WHY ...
CAPTAIN IZUMI ...
AFTER WHAT I DID TO YOU...!!
.....
.....
I CAN'T FORGET ABOUT HER.
I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS VERY WELL.
BUT I ALSO UNDERSTAND HER... BESIDES, I FEEL SORRY FOR HER.

BUT CAPTAIN ...
I'M A MAN.
IDIOT.
YOU'RE THE CAPTAIN NOW.
IF I WERE TO STAY CAPTAIN FOREVER THE TEAM WOULD PERISH.
OUR FIGHT IS LONG FORGOTTEN.

TEAMWORK HAS NEVER BEEN ONE OF MY STRENGTHS. I HAVE MADE THEM INTO A ONE-MAN TEAM.
THEY COULD BE A MUCH BETTER TEAM.
I KNOW YOU WILL DO IT.

I... I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT YOU...
I AM SORRY, SEMPAI ...!
I WASN'T ANY DIFFERENT.
STOP THIS!
I AM GOING TO BRING HER BACK... DEFINITELY!
I... I WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR ERI.
SO...

...
THEN I WON'T WORRY
...
ガチャ
HM.
THAT WAS FAST. ALREADY FINISHED?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO GO OUT.
IT'S OK I DECLI-NED.

THERE IS NOTHING...
... THAT COULD DISTRACT THIS UNBROKEN GAZE FROM ITS GOAL...
LET'S GO HOME. I HAVE TO WORK OUT.
I DON'T HAVE A SECOND TO WASTE.

AN ORDERLY LIFE, FREQUENT MEALS AND SLEEP PERIODS, GYMNASTICS, PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING.
HIS DETAILED TRAINING PLAN INCLUDES HIS PRIVATE LIFE.
THE WAY IZUMI FIGHTS FOR HIS HEALTH WITH HIS INEXHAUSTIBLE ENERGY, AND EVEN ASTOUNDS HIS OWN TRAINERS, IS ALL OVER THE MAGAZINES AND ON TV.
adidas
IZUMI: FOR THE TIME BEING THE ONLY THING I THINK ABOUT IS GETTING WELL AND PLAYING SOCCER.
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE ON MY MIND.
INTERVIEWER: THE DILIGENT IZUMI WE ALL KNOW. AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR DAYS OFF?
IZUMI: THEN I TRAIN ON MY OWN.
INTERVIEWER: DO YOU SOMETIMES GO SHOPPING? DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER INTERESTS?
IZUMI: NO, I DON'T.
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ANYTHING BUT SOCCER

HEY, WE ARE GETTING SOME-WHERE.
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ANYTHING BUT SOCCER
AH, KATSUMI! LONG TIME NO SEE!
Morning!
IT'S TOUGH, BEING A STUDENT. HOW ABOUT YOU GUYS?
Over here please.
Where does this go?
INTER-VIEWER: WHAT IS YOUR GREA-TEST WISH?
I NEED ANOTHER MACHINE, THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE READY.
WONDERFUL!
IZUMI NOTHING AH, THERE IS SOMETHING AFTER ALL (IZUMI MAKES A SERIOUS FACE) AN INDESTRUCTIBLE BODY IF SUCH A THING WERE POSSIBLE BUT APART FROM THAT I DON'T NEED ANYTHING
ALL RIGHT, THEN.
INTERVIEWER. WHAT IS YOUR MOST IMPORTANT GOAL?

IZUMI: TO LIVE FOR SOC-CER ONLY.
SOCCER MAGAZINES .. FRESH OUT OF THE PRESS
YOU HAVE ALREADY READ THEM, I PRESUME.
WHAT ARE YOU BROOD-ING ABOUT, KO-CHAN?
YOU CAN'T TAKE BEING SEPARATED FROM TAKU-CHAN, CAN YOU? YOU FEEL ALONE, DON'T YOU?
Katsumi lives dangerously
...
THE SPORTS CENTER IS 5 MINUTES AWAY, ISN'T IT?
AND HAVING TO WAIT IN THE CAR DOESN'T MAKE TIME FLOW BY, NE?
UUUUH, WHAT A DARK FACE.
Ah, I'm scared!

EEEEEK, GREAT!!
NO MATCH YET AND HE'S ALREADY ON THE THIRD PLACE.
Well that's because it's an Idol magazine
Even our company's magazine was re-fused
AND THAT EVEN THOUGH HIS MANAGEMENT DECLINED THE OFFERS OF INNUMERABLE REPORTERS!
THAT'S MORE THAN IN THE SPECIAL EDITION ABOUT THE CHAMPI-ONSHIP! A POSTER, TOO!
To think that he hasn't even won!
AND THAT 4 MONTHS AFTER THE CHAMPION-SHIP. THE GIRLS ARE REALLY LOYAL TO HIM.
And here!
WOW, COOL
Look here!
THERE YOU GO. GOOD LOOKS AND TALENT JUST GO HAND IN HAND
So true!
THEY DIDN'T WANT AN INJURED PLAYER TO BE TURNED INTO A STAR OR IZUMI TO BE DISTRACTED BY THE BUZZ.
As though Taku-chan would want that
Katsumi-kun knows!
IZUMI'S TRAINING ROOM IS ALREADY FINISHED.
BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT NOW!!

WE ARE ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU PROMISED US A RELEASE BEFORE YOUR FANS FORGET ABOUT YOU. SO KEEP YOUR WORD! THINK ABOUT THE COSTS!
STUFF LIKE THAT WILL GIVE YOU WRINKLES!!
WHAAAH! SAVE ME! HE'S GOT THAT MEAN LOOK AGAIN!
What?
Cut it out!
This is still new to him.
THINK ABOUT HOW TAKU-CHAN CONTRIBUTED HALF OF THE MONEY HE MADE. AND THE OTHER HALF HE GAVE THE HORIUCHIS.
DON'T FORGET YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES!
JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T SEE HIM AS OFTEN AS USUAL...
...YOU DON'T NEED TO TURN INTO A MONSTER.
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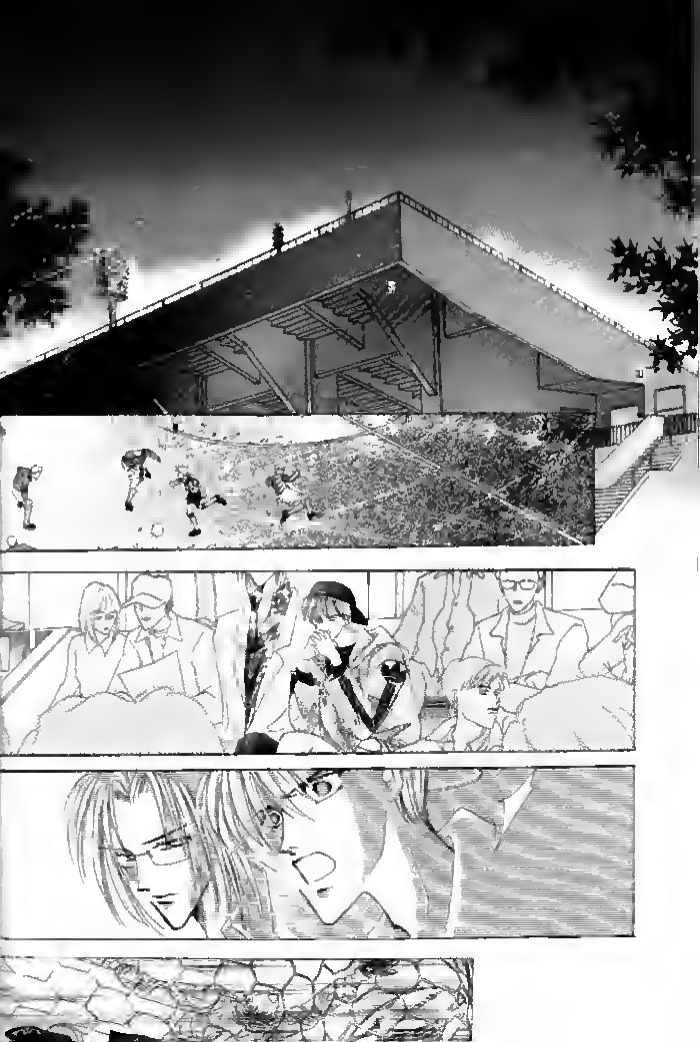
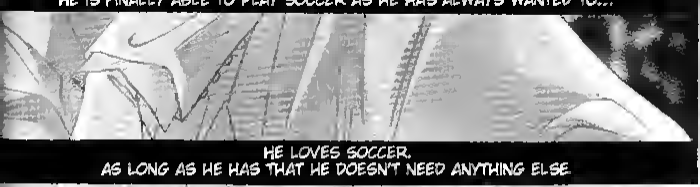
AAH!
SHUT YOUR TRAP!
WE ARE GOING TO WATCH A MATCH TODAY, GOT IT?
HWAAAAH!
どんがらがっしゃん
AND NOW GET LOST!
AAH! KATSUMI, ARE YOU OK?
I'VE NEVER SEEN THROWN AROUND LIKE THAT BEFORE! AM I REALLY SUCH A LIGHT-WEIGHT?
BOY, WHAT A MOOD ...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HOW LONG IS THIS SITUATION GOING TO SIMMER?
KATSUMI, WHOM ARE YOU TALKING TO?



"THE SPORTS CENTER IS 6 MINUTES AWAY."
I AM SITTING ON NEEDLES, IZUMI.
WHAT HAVE I SAID? WHAT HAVE I DONE?
WE SEE EACH OTHER IN THE CAR WHEN I DRIVE YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.
IN THE TIME WE HAVE LEFT, WE WATCH SOCCER MATCHES
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE I LAST TOUCHED YOU?

IZUMI DOESN'T LOOK AT ME. IZUMI DOESN'T NEED ME.

NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
HE IS FINALLY ABLE TO PLAY SOCCER AS HE HAS ALWAYS WANTED TO...



HE LOVES SOCCER.
AS LONG AS HE HAS THAT HE DOESN'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE.

I KNOW IT, YOU REALIZE IT.
YOU ARE SO BEAUTIFUL, FIGHTING LIKE THAT .. FLAPPING YOUR WOUNDED WINGS AS YOU TRY TO FLY CLOSER TO YOUR GOAL...
MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN ANYONE ELSE
I WANT YOU
ON THE SOCCER GROUND YOU OUTSHINE EVERYONE ELSE... SO BRIGHT... I MUSTN'T STAND IN YOUR WAY...
I WANT TO FILL YOUR BODY TO THE BREAK-ING POINT.
SHINES TOO BRIGHT FOR A DIRTY MAN SUCH AS I...
I AM DIRTY. THAT'S WHY I ADMIRE AND LOVED YOU. YOUR SOUL OF LIGHT THAT NO ONE COULD EVER CAPTURE.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I AM THERE FOR YOU..
... YOU ARE DRIFTING FURTHER AND FURTHER AWAY FROM ME...
泉
拓人
IS IT YOU WHO IS GOING AWAY?
OR ... IS IT ME?

Volume 28:
The tree of souls

LET'S GO, IZUMI.

DAMN!

Those are three losses in a row

DRI-DRIII

HMM...

grumble

How many times do they want to miss?

NHAAA

IZUMI!

Over there. It's Koji!

Is it really him? Quick. My camera!

Eeek!

Eeek!

Hey, isn't that Izumi-kun?

VROMM
...
YOU... IZUMI?
THE HOUSE HAS BEEN FURNI-TURED.
YOUR WORK-OUT ROOM IS ALSO READY
NOW ALL THAT WE'RE MISSING IS.. A DOG. WOULD YOU LIKE ONE?
...
IZUMI?

HUH? DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
IT'S NOTHING.
NO...
HM? SURE. *IF* YOU DRIVE ME HOME AFTERWARDS. WHAT IS IT THEN ANYWAY?
I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING.
OH YEAH, IZUMI. DO YOU HAVE TEN MINUTES?

SHHHHH
THANK GOD. THE WIND HASN'T BLOWN THEM AWAY YET.
WOW!
I WAS SURE THAT YOU HADN'T HAD TIME TO SEE THE CHERRY-BLOSSOMS YET.
THEY LOOK LIKE SNOW!

HMM
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT THEY WERE IN BLOOM ALREADY.
LOOK, HOW SHINY PINK THEY ARE!!
HO HO HO
This place is a dump!
AT AN OLD, NEGLECTED CEMETERY LIKE THIS ONE, I WAS SURE WE'D GET SOME PRIVACY.
CHERRY-BLOSSOMS LIGHT UP IN THE NIGHT
MAYBE.
THEY FEED ON THE PEOPLE BURIED UNDER THE TREES
... BECAUSE THEY HAVE A SOUL.

CAN YOU SEE IT?
THE PETALS LOOK LIKE HEARTS!
HEARTS...?
WHEN I DIE ...
... I WANT TO BE BURIED UNDER A CHERRY-TREE WITH BLOSSOMS AS WHITE AS SNOW ...

AND MY LAST BREATH ...
... I'D LIKE TO HAVE IT ON A SOCCER-FIELD ...
RUSTLE
IZUMI ...

AAH... I'D LOVE TO PLAY SOCCER AGAIN!
WITH ALL MY STRENGTH!
TO RUN...
adidas
MMM

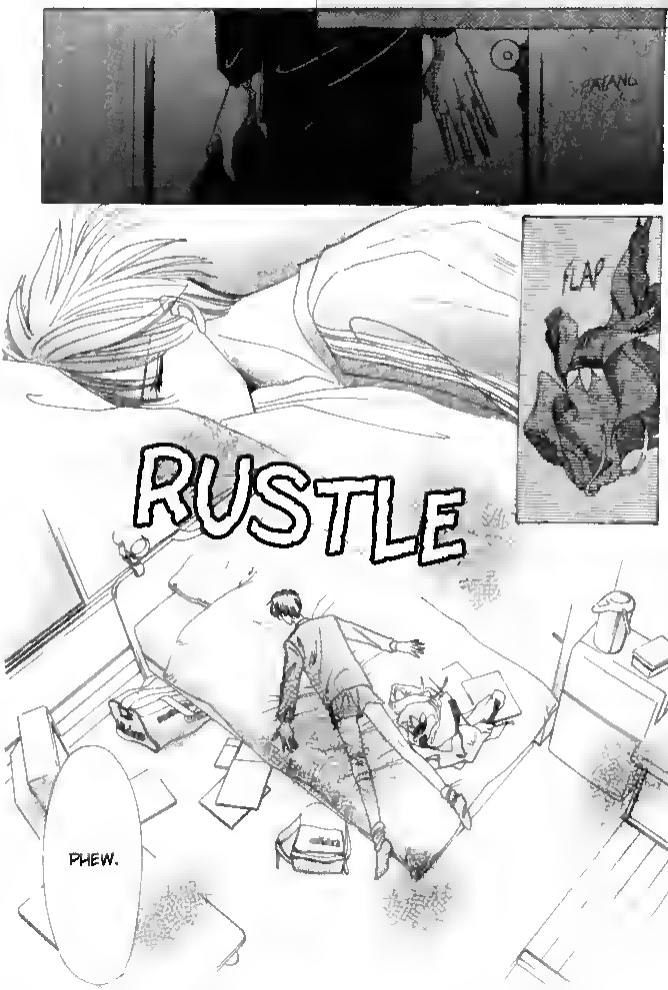
WHOOSH
IZUMI!

ACK ...
IZUMI ...
WATCH OUT!

AAAH...!
SHHOOo
stumble
fall
...AH...
THAT WAS DANGER-OUS...!
YOU IDIOT!

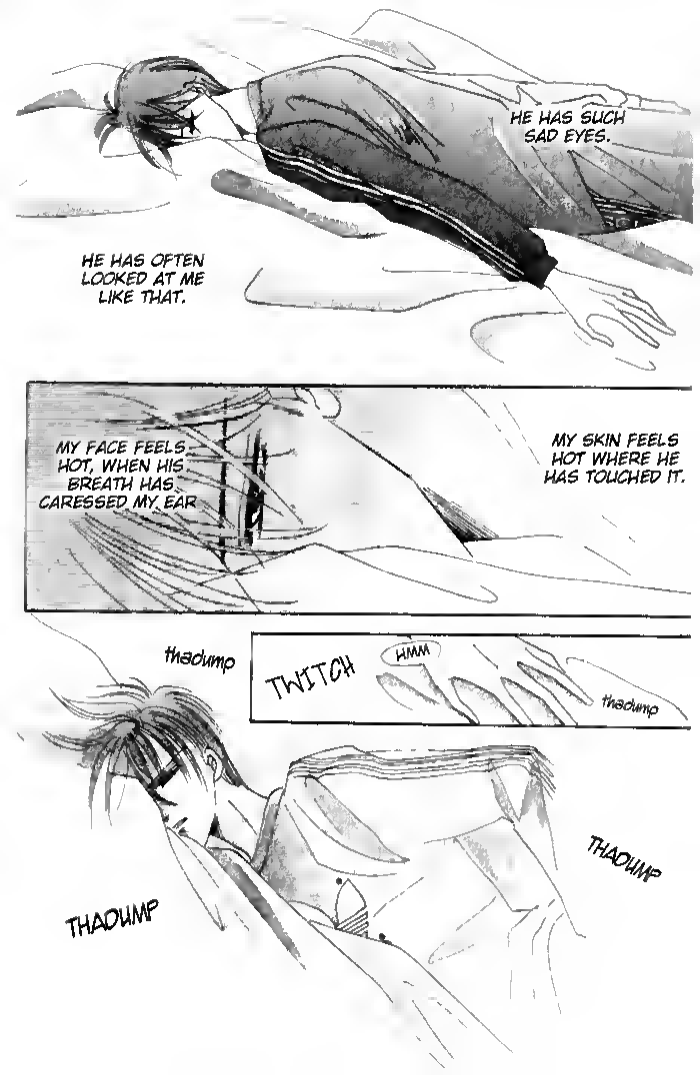
I WAS AFRAID ..
... THAT YOU'D SLIP AND FALL BECAUSE OF THE LEAVES ..
DON'T..
press

PLEASE
DON'T
LEAVE
ME...


CREAK
FLAP
RUSTLE
PHEW.

...
OUCH! THAT HURTS!
HEY, KOJI!
GRAB
OH... I'M SORRY!
IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR LEG?
NONSENSE, YOU CAUGHT ME, REMEMBER?
LUMM
THANK GOD..
I'M SORRY
HOPP

...
WAIT
COME ON, I'LL DRIVE YOU HOME.


HE HAS SUCH SAD EYES.
HE HAS OFTEN LOOKED AT ME LIKE THAT.
MY FACE FEELS HOT, WHEN HIS BREATH HAS CARESSED MY EAR
MY SKIN FEELS HOT WHERE HE HAS TOUCHED IT.
thadump
TWITCH
HMM
thadump
THADUMP
THADUMP

SHOCK
TAKU! ARE YOU THERE?
KNOCK
KATCHAK
OH, WERE YOU ASLEEP?
Sorry.
Gyhaha haha
THEY'RE GOING TO FIX THE BOILER. YOU'D BETTER HURRY UP WITH YOUR BATH.
LUSCH
UHM... ALL RIGHT.. I'LL GO RIGHT AWAY
Thanks!
SEE YOU!
PATANG
THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP
What! Scary
...
cough
I... must remember to lock the door, or anyone could walk in on me.
ZIPP
CRAP.
FLAP

HOW LONG...
... HAS IT BEEN SINCE HE HAS SLEPT WITH ME FOR THE LAST TIME?
I HAVEN'T REALLY PAID MUCH ATTENTION— AFTER ALL, WE SEE EACH OTHER EVERY DAY..
BESIDES, HE'S USUALLY VERY HORNY!
IS IT BECAUSE I'M RECOVERING FROM MY INJURY...?
HE HASN'T KISSED ME ONCE...
BATH
WHY DOES THIS OCCUR TO ME *NOW*?
Please shower thoroughly before entering the pool. Don't enter if you have eaten within the past thirty
What am I thinking?!
WAAhh!

DRIP
THERE'S NOTHING BUT NAKED MEN IN HERE.
Drawing this embarrassed me*
shrub
shrub
SPLASH
shrub
And I even took a close look
sigh
BUT I DON'T FEEL A THING WHEN I LOOK AT THEM.
A FEW OF THEM I MIGHT ENVY PURELY AS A SPORTSMAN.
*Besides I've often drawn naked men
He's too skinny.
Shrub
SPLASH
YET I LIKE WOMEN
I'm not queer after all!
THEY ARE SOFT AND SMELL GOOD, NOT LIKE THESE DIRTY, STINKING MEN.
STILL...

OH!
BETTER BE CAREFUL, TAKU!
Something like that can end badly!
He is used to that as a soccer-player.
GRAB
SLIP
OOPS...
EVEN IF SOMEONE TOUCHES ME...
... IT DOESN'T FEEL THE SAME.
PHEW
SWASH
THANKS. I'M SORRY.
I had almost slipped and fallen.
WITH KOJI...
... IT FEELS AS IF MY HEART WOULD BURST.

WHEN I'M TOGETHER WITH KOJI.
WITH HIS STRONG ARMS AND LONG SLIM FINGERS...
TAKU..
TAKU.. TO..
TAKUTO..
WHEN HE HOLDS ME SOFTLY..
AND PANTING..
... CALLS MY NAME..
ONLY THEN
...!
THROBBING
TAKUTO...

BLUBB
!?
TSK!
SPLASH
Go somewhere else!
My stomach's unsettled!
Kyaa hahahe
SORRY, THAT WAS ME!
STINK
URGH
IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME WHEN I THINK ABOUT KOJI!
MY BRAIN TURNS TO MUSH, I GAZE INTO SPACE AND THINK OF ALL KINDS OF WEIRD THINGS...
... MY HEART CONTRACTS...
... AND I'M SO AROUSED THAT I'M TREMBLING.
SIGH!
I SIMPLY HAVE TO STOP THINKING ABOUT HIM.
I'M ONLY MAKING THINGS HARDER FOR MYSELF THIS WAY.

SIMPLY STOP THINKING ABOUT HIM...
NUIING

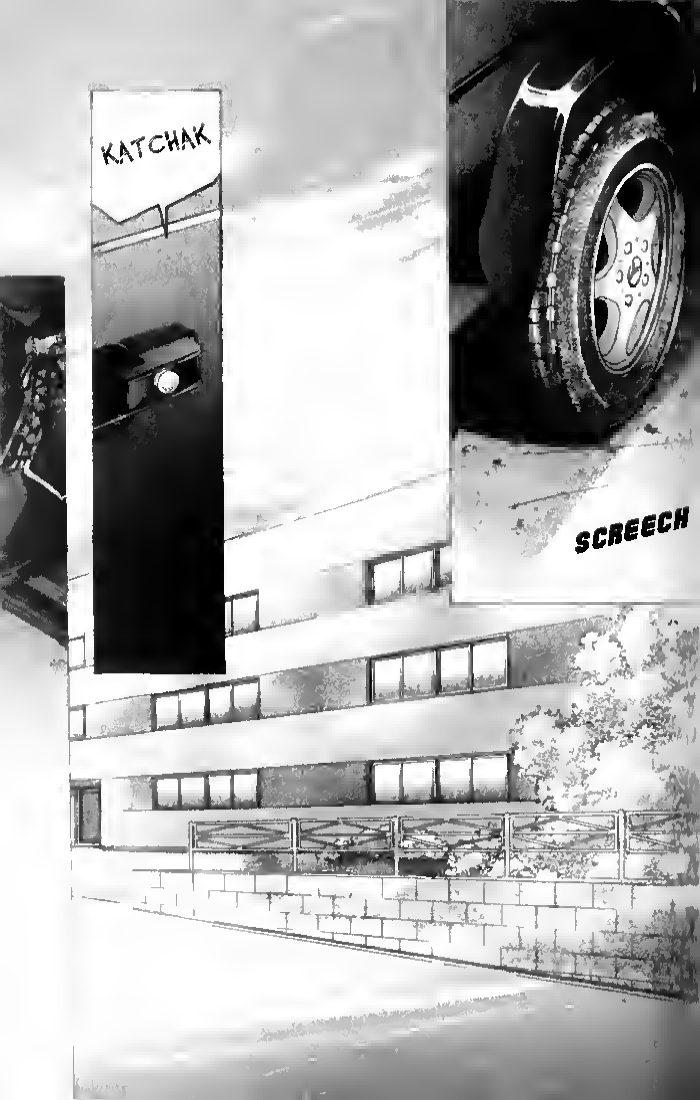
WELL THEN, LET'S TRY AND GIVE IT A GO.
KOJI, LET'S HEAR HOW YOUR VOICE IS TODAY.
WOW! THAT ROCKS!

.....
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD.

TURN
That's.
Not again.
He just left..
PLING
I DON'T LIKE THIS LET'S START WITHOUT HIM!
OF COURSE!
He's gone, just like that.
I had a bad feeling about this whole thing from the start
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, TAKAFUMI-SAN?
NOW
Yeah.
He's known him for a long time, hm?
Takafumi has thick skin!

CLICK
KATCHAK

HELLO?
IT'S ME
IS THAT YOU, KOJI?
IZUMI ?!
WHAT'S WRONG? NORMALLY YOU'RE ASLEEP AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT!
HAS SOME-THING HAPP-...?
NOPE. CALM DOWN AGAIN
YOU...
I'M FREE TOMORROW ...
CAN I SEE YOU THEN?


KATCHAK
SCREECH

Volume 29 Seductive angel

WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU HERE THIS EARLY? NORMALLY, WE HAVE TO DRAG YOU OUT OF BED!
And now I'm not even done with my breakfast yet
PANT!
TELL ME
GRRR!
And yet another spectacle!
... DO YOU *HAVE* TO COME HOME WITH A CAR LIKE THAT?
NOW, COME ON...
...
DON'T ACT SO STUPID!
PFFT
giggle
These things make you look simply adorable!
You're always wearing sports-clothing
YOU USED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE OTHER CAR BEING TOO FLASHY
gets a hold of himself
I WAS THINKING THAT A CABRIO WOULD FIT THE WEATHER.

It once was a NATO-jeep
Is that a military car?
THIS ONE IS JUST AS POSH!
DO YOU THINK SO?
YOU CAN KEEP IT.
BUT IT'S COOL
HMM?
There's no more blood in my head.
OOWAH...
UH...
KICK
KICK
What do you mean oowah? I'll give you some oowah!
What is it now, damn it?!

WHOOAH!
THIS FEELS GREAT!

IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I'VE LAST BEEN AT A BEACH.
LOOK OVER THERE! IT'S THE SEA!
HEY, LET'S STOP SOMEWHERE AND GO FOR A SWIM!
A SWIM? WITH THIS LEG?
I STARTED SWIMMING AND JOGGING AGAIN SINCE A LONG TIME AGO.
YOU CAN'T DO IT HERE, THE WATER'S TOO DIRTY.
nag
WHAT IF YOUR WOUND GOT INFECTED?
I HAVE TO GET SOME MOVEMENT, OR I'LL GO INSANE.
pout
TSK ..
....
ALL RIGHT, WE'LL DRIVE ALONG THE COAST AND FIND A NICE SPOT.
WE'LL GET DINNER SOMEWHERE, FIND A HOTEL AND USE THE POOL.
THE POOLS IN HOTELS ARE ALMOST ALWAYS CLOSE-TO-EMPTY. WE COULD BORROW SOME SWIMMING-CLOTHES. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

... OKAY.
Hey! I want to walk!
Whahh
STEP
GRAB
SSHHH
SSHHH

WAAH! NOT SO FAST! LET ME DOWN!
HA HA HA HA
SORRY.
walks in his stead
You are too heavy!
patch
I want too!
Look!
Kyaaa!
Aah
How sweet! Those are two boys!
That's hot!

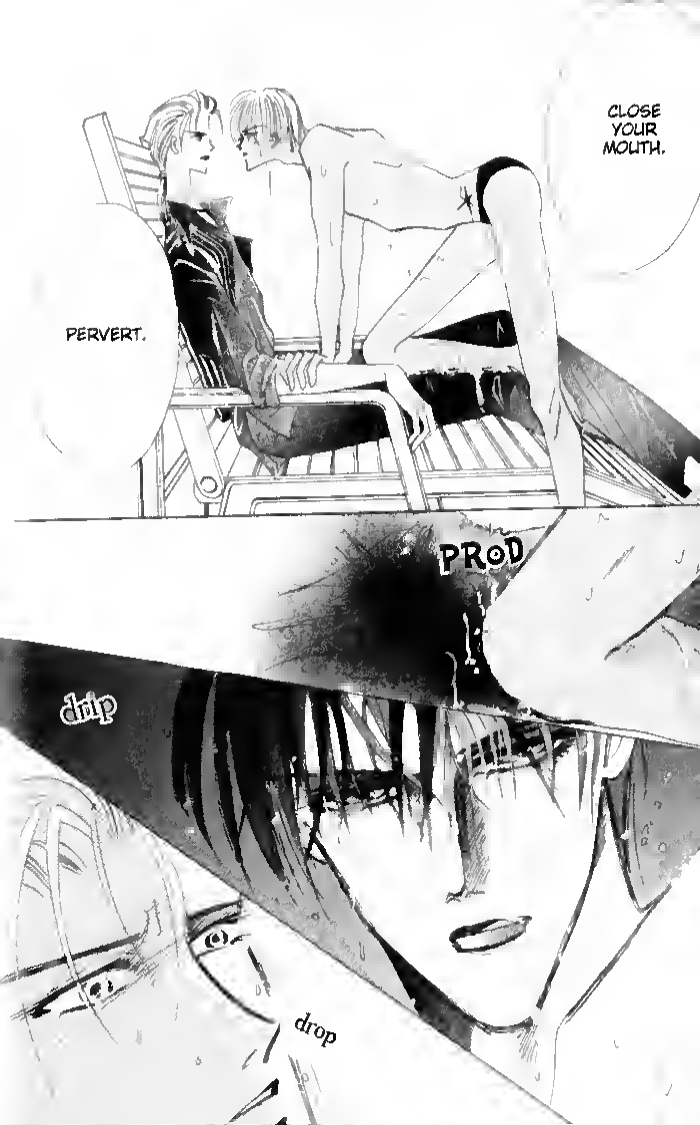
WOW, YOU WERE RIGHT.
THERE REALLY IS NOBODY HERE!

DON'T FORGET...
POCK
I STILL HAVE THIS ONE
AREN'T YOU COMING TOO?
rustle
IT'S ONLY FOR GUESTS OF THE HOTEL.
I'M GOING IN.
Tap Tap
AFTER ALL, THERE'S NOBODY ELSE HERE.
I DON'T WANT ANYBODY ELSE BUT YOU SEEING HIM.
THERE ARE THE SECURITY-CAMERAS
I'LL BE WAITING AT THE EDGE.

THADUMP

THADUMP
THADUMP
THADUMP
THADUMP
SPLASH

sshhh
SPLASH
tAP
drip
drip


CLOSE YOUR MOUTH.
PERVERT.
PROD
drip
drop

twitch
whoosh
...!
splash
aah
KATCHAK
KATCHAK
CLONK

EDITOR'S NOTE: SORRY FOR THE CRAPPY EDITING OF THIS PANEL, BUT THIS IS A HELL OF WORK TO DO! I'M SURE IT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE BETTER THAN THIS BUT I'M NOT THAT GOOD OF AN EDITOR, AND BESIDES SFONZIE IS ONE OF THE HARDEST MANGA TO EDIT, I THINK.
SFX
ASH
POOH...
Phew...
Swoosh

WHA...!
GULP
splash
blubb
...!

...!
KiSS
FLIW AH

hah
SPLASH
hah
hah
hah
hah
hah
WHY...?

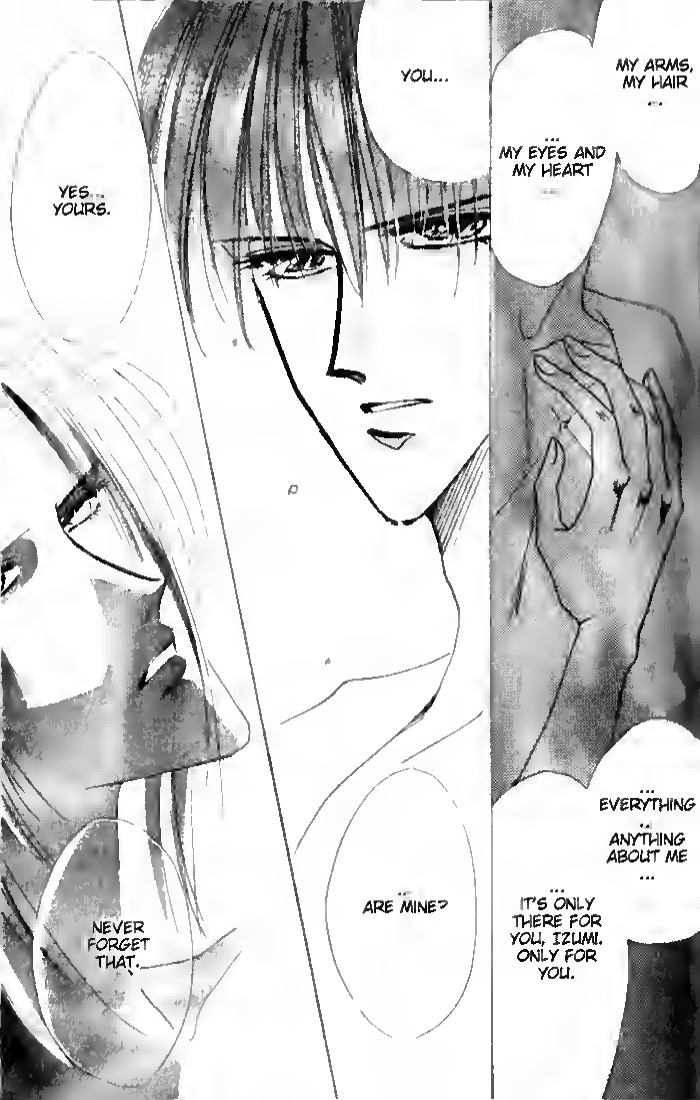
twitch
THADUMP
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME . .
... TAKUTO?
OF COURSE.
IT'S JUST A CRAMP IN HIS LEG. COULD YOU BRING US A ROBE, PLEASE?
NO NEED.
... TO BE BROUGHT UP TO SUITE NUMBER 1?
OH, AND COULD YOU ORDER A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE ...
BLUSH
UHM. CAN I HELP YOU?

TCHAK
...
IZUMI?

HERE, IZUMI
FLOP
I TOLD YOU TO DRINK ALREADY.
ARE YOU COLD?

IT'S BAD FOR MY CONDITION. BESIDES, I SHOULD BE HEADING BA--
I DON'T DRINK.
twitch
I CAN'T LET YOU GO.
push
K.O ..
pour
NO.
AH...
I WON'T LET YOU GO.

BANG
GRAB
!!
SOCCER, AND EVERYTHING ELSE...
... I WILL MAKE YOU FORGET ABOUT ALL OF IT.
LICK
YOU SHOULD ONLY THINK OF ME!


YOU...
MY ARMS, MY HAIR
...
...
MY EYES AND MY HEART
YES... YOURS.
...
EVERYTHING
..
ANYTHING ABOUT ME
...
...
ARE MINE?
...
IT'S ONLY THERE FOR YOU, IZUMI. ONLY FOR YOU.
NEVER FORGET THAT.

MY...
... KOJI.

YOUR HOT BREATH AND..
YOUR DEEP VOICE, REVERBERATING
IN MY EAR..
... YOUR
SYMMETRIC FACE..
... YOUR MUSCULAR BODY,
GREEDILY WRAPPED AROUND MINE...
... YOUR STRONG ARMS.. - EVEN IF IT IS
ONLY ONE ALL OF THAT IS MINE

I'M THE ONE
WHO ENTICED
HIM.

I..
WANT TO BE HELD LIKE THIS. .
TO DO THIS

KISSES, FLEETING AND GENTLE...
... AS SOFT AS A FEATHER ... BRUSH OVER ME WITHOUT TOUCHING...
... RAIN ON ME, IN INFINITE NUMBERS...
... ALMOST AS THOUGH...
... A BIRD BEDDING ITS YOUNG FOR THE NIGHT...
AND AN DEEP, ETERNAL CALM FILLS MY BODY...
.....

I'M USED TO GETTING NAKED.
TWITCH
HGN
TWITCH
NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
IT IS BECAUSE KOJI IS LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT.
KOJI'S GAZE MAKES ME FEEL IN A WAY NOBODY ELSE DOES
SO WHY AM I ASHAMED TO BE LYING NAKED ON THE BED?
IT'S BECAUSE IT IS KOJI.

IZUMI
YOU ARE INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL.
I HAVE BEEN WAITING SO LONG.
IS IT BECAUSE IT'S KOJI ...?
I WANTED TO TOUCH YOU, TO KISS YOU.
I COULD BARELY STAND IT.
I WAS ABOUT TO GO MAD
touch
DON'T...

WAIT
KOO... AH!
NO, I CAN'T WAIT.
AH... STOP... THAT'S UNFAIR!
DA-... KOJI!
WHY?
WHAT IS UNFAIR ABOUT THIS? I CAN'T STOP!
hah
tremble
IT IS... UNFAIR..
...
flap
... IF ONLY I ... AM NAKED.
rustle

slurp
SHRUG

DOES IT HURT?
NO.. IT DOESN'T HURT.
YOU ARE WITH ME. IT DOESN'T HURT.
AND WHEN I AM NOT WITH YOU?
DOES IT HURT THEN?

I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU...
...
NOT EVEN IF THE WORLD CEASED TO EXIST.
I NEED YOU. ONLY YOU. A WORLD WITHOUT YOU? SUCH A WORLD...
I WOULD FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU GO
WHEN YOU DIE, I, TOO, WILL DIE.
...
DOESN'T EXIST.

I WILL SAY IT AGAIN AND AGAIN.
I DON'T CARE IF YOU BELIEVE ME
I LOVE YOU! FOREVER! THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE
FOREVER ... AND EVER ...
I WANT TO TAKE EVERY-THING FROM YOU.
STRIP AWAY EVERYTHING YOU HAVE...
I WANT YOU ALL FOR MYSELF.

SO YOU ARE STILL LYING...
KOJI MADE A PAINED FACE AND DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ELSE.
WE ENTWINED LIKE TWO BEASTS...
... AND THE WORDS "I LOVE YOU" REPEATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN EMBRACED US LIKE A CHARM...
... OUR RITUAL...

I COULD HAVE THOUGHT IT NOTHING BUT A FLEETING EXPRESSION OF DESIRE.
... OR THAT I USED KOJI TO SATISFY MY OWN LUST.
... BUT, I FELT, THAT THIS WASN'T TRUE. I WANTED HIM... WITH MY BODY, WITH MY HEART...
SHORTLY AFTER THAT THOUGHT CROSSED MY MIND I LOST MY ABILITY TO THINK...

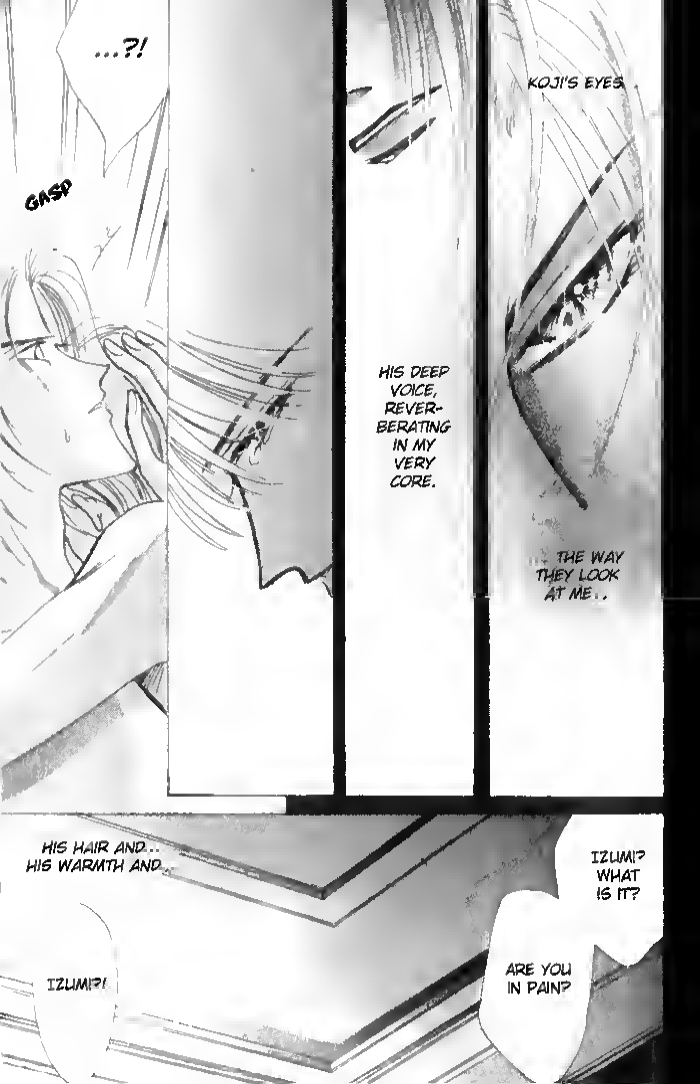
... HN...
CHU
GOOD MORNING.
YOU'VE BEEN SLEEPING FOR A LONG TIME, IZUMI.

KO..
KO... JI?
YES..
I AM HERE!

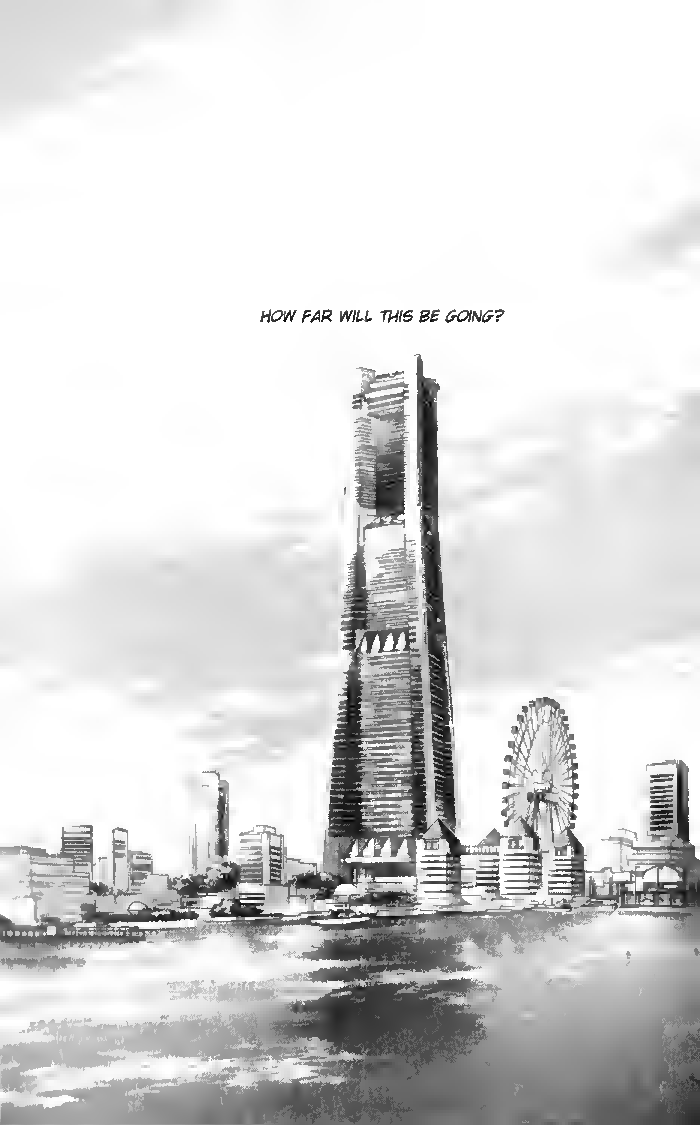
HUG
...!!
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
IZUMI... DID YOU HAVE A NIGHTMARE?
IT'S ALRIGHT...
I LOVE IT, WHEN HE GENTLY STROKES MY HAIRS. IT FEELS SO GOOD
EVERYTHING IS ALRIGHT...

Smile
I WOULD DIE, IF I WOKE UP TO FIND YOU GONE
HOW COULD I HAVE SLEPT?
YOU'RE AWAKE EARLY
CONSIDERING YOU AREN'T A MORNING PERSON
7:05
I COULDN'T SLEEP YESTERDAY EITHER THAT'S WHY I WOKE YOU EARLY. SORRY.
I WANT TO ENJOY EVERY SECOND WITH YOU
SLEEP? WHAT A WASTE. .
I HAVE BEEN GUARDING YOUR SLEEP ...
YOU DIDN'T SLEEP?
FOR TWO DAYS?

YOU STUPID MADMAN...
KOJI'S HANDS...
I LOVE THEM.
IZUMI .. YOU ALWAYS SMELL OF THE SUN.
KOJI'S SMELL ... I LOVE IT.


...?!
GASP
KOJI'S EYES
HIS DEEP VOICE, REVERBERATING IN MY VERY CORE.
..THE WAY THEY LOOK AT ME..
HIS HAIR AND.. HIS WARMTH AND..
IZUMI?!
IZUMI? WHAT IS IT?
ARE YOU IN PAIN?

IZUMI ...?!
WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BECOME OF US ...?!
I AM SCARED...
STOP BEING SO KIND TO ME!


HOW FAR WILL THIS BE GOING?

WHAT?
I'M ALREADY ALLOWED TO JOIN THE TRAINING?
TODAY YOU'LL BE JOINING THE TOP PLAYERS SO BE READY IN THREE HOURS.
THE HOSPITAL HAS GIVEN US GREEN LIGHT.
OF COURSE YOU'LL HAVE YOUR OWN PROGRAM GET USED TO THE TEAM
YES!
DON'T OVERDO IT JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE RECOVERED FASTER THAN EXPECTED.
THE J-LEAGUE ISN'T HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER. BE PREPARED FOR THAT.

YES! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I DID IT!
I CAN GO OUTSIDE! I CAN HAVE A BALL!
I CAN FINALLY PLAY SOCCER ...!
personal driver
KOJI!
KOJI!
I'M ALLOWED TO JOIN THE TRAINING! EVEN THOUGH I'LL HAVE MY OWN PROGRAM. .
FINALLY I'LL BE ON THE GROUND! TRAINING WITH THE TEAM!

OH.. REALLY ?
THAT'S GOOD NEWS
SO, THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO WAIT HERE ANYMORE.
HOW HE IS LAUGHING..! EVEN BRIGHTER THAN WHEN I FIRST SAW HIM!
SPARKLE
LET'S GO! I'VE GOT TO EAT AND THAN GET BACK HERE!
I won't even have time to take a nap!

I... AM HAPPY FOR YOU. REALLY.
AH? OH, NOTHING.
HM...
SO BRIGHT IT BLINDS ME
CLACK
YOUR SMILE...
...KOJI?
What are you staring at?
EVERYBODY WHO SEES IT WILL ADMIRE YOU.
... AND LOVE YOU.
I AM SURE OF IT...!
AND I AM AFRAID OF IT...!

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THE MEANING OF LOVE

I'M STARTING TO LIKE THAT NEW ATTACKER
Dammit!
Psychotic devil of training "Mr. Never-Gets-Tired"
WHEN YOSHI JOINED THE TEAM, THERE WERE ALREADY A LOT OF PEOPLE BUT TAKU GETS AN EVEN BIGGER CROWD.

STARE

KYAAAH
Girls wherever you look
click click click
OH, SORRY
Topic change.
DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT AGAIN
AND WHY WON'T IT AFFECT OUR RANK?

That's Serika!
It's been a looooong time since we last saw her.
Her haircut's changed a bit.
Hello!
EEK! Izumi-san!
Miho-chan from Zetsuai volume 3
SMILE
Takuto-chaaan!

SERIKA!
THAT'S ENOUGH
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?
What! Izumi-kun so close!
From the start!
It's not that far away lucky for me.
I'LL DROP BY MORE OFTEN FROM NOW ON!
SILLY GIRL! YOU BETTER GO TO SCHOOL!
NAH. I'D RATHER WATCH YOU PLAY!
HAS YOUR LEG HEALED AGAIN?
ALMOST.
YUGO WANTED TO COME, TOO, BUT
He's not here
his sister
...HE'S GONE RUSHER, SO NOW HE'S PLAYING BASKETBALL.
BASKET-BALL?
mumble
HI HI HI
WHERE IS NANJO-SAN, BY THE WAY?

EH?
Like a king TADAA!
WAAH!
Shake
TURNS
NOT SO LOUD!
TAKE A LOOK AROUND!
Are you blind?
SIGH
OOOOH!
HE STILL LOOK SO HOT!
Can I go to him? Can I talk to him?
FAILED ATTEMPT NOT TO DRAW ANY ATTENTION
SMILE
THE FANS
I went to carry your babies
KYAAAH!
OH..
Gulp
OKAY!
Whisper
Tsukuto, you're the best!
Whisper
Whisper
YOU'D BETTER WAIT FOR US AT THE PARKING PLACE. I'LL TELL THE GUARD TO LET YOU IN.

RIGHT!
INCONSPICUOUSLY
WHISPER
LET'S GO, MIHO-CHAN!
WAAAAH!
CLICK CLICK
coo!
STEP
SEE YOU!
adidas
She's soooo cute!
Since when does he train here?
You're soooo lucky!
KYAAH!
ZOMG!
Be my friend too please!
UHHHM... ARE YOU REALLY HIS SISTER?
AH... WELL... UHM.
LET'S GO SERIKA-CHAN.
Your friend, too, of course.
SORRY, WE'RE IN A HURRY
GULP
GRASP
AH... NA...
...n. jo.
AH!

YOU'RE WAY TOO LATE! THE TRAINING'S LONG OVER!
SORRY, I COULDN'T GET HERE ANY SOONER.
What are these girls doing here?
TAKUTO'S WAITING FOR US!
YUGO!
BLINK
COME ON!
I THINK I'M DYING!
TAP TAP TAP
SERI-KA-CHAN!
dizzy
Get hold of yourself!!
AH!
Hm
WHAT DO THEY WANT?
This is creepy
COME ON!
Before they eat us alive!
SNEAK
Aaaaw, what a cutie!
his brother?
This school uniform! Cute~

!
BLUSH
I'm afraid of returning there.
YEAH! THERE'S TAKUTO!
I was scared for a moment!
WE'RE HERE!
HEY, YUGO! LONG TIME NO SEE!
adidas
adidas
WHAT HAVE I HEARD? YOU'VE STARTED TO PLAY BASKET-BALL?
YES, HE HAS!
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO CARE THAT HE'S SUCH A MIDGET
SHUT UP!
AND? HAVE YOU GROWN?

YOU WERE ALWAYS BETTER THAN ME AT SOCCER.
SO I THOUGHT I'D GIVE BASKETBALL A TRY.
NONSENSE! IT WASN'T MY HEIGHT
AND, WELL...
SERIKA! BE QUIET ALREADY!
YOU'RE PRETTY SLOW AT NOTICING THINGS, AREN'T YOU?
blunt
smile

SURE! I DON'T HAVE TO EAT WITH THE TEAM ALL THE TIME
WHAT, REALLY? YOU'VE GOT TIME FOR US?
LET'S GO AND GRAB SOMETHING TO EAT TOGETHER. I JUST NEED A FEW SECONDS TO CHANGE.
I'LL WAIT OUTSIDE AND DRIVE YOU BACK HOME.
I'LL HAVE THE CAR BROUGHT HERE.
SHOULD WE TAKE THE OTHER CAR?
That's a two-seater.
I'M NOT AS RUDE AS TO INTRUDE WHEN YOU'D RATHER BE TOGETHER FOR ONCE.
...AND DRIVE YOU.
WE COULD ALSO GET A TAXI.
MIHO!
OH. IN THAT CASE, I'LL COME ALONG, TOO.
Of course.
cough
WELL THEN, SHALL WE GO HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE TOGETHER?
Since we're both unwanted.
SMILE
OH MY GOD! OH MY GOD!
WHAT THE HELL?!
KYAAAH!

BOTH OF YOU WILL COME WITH US, OF COURSE!
UH
STEAM
DON'T BE LIKE THAT!
It's always the same!
GOT IT? SERIKA! YUGO!
adidas
THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP GRUMBLE
WOW HE'S SO COOL!
Wow
Tremble Tremble
THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY!
KYAAAH KYAAAH
And hurry up
It's me. Could you bring the jeep please?
OKAY
I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE

ER.
twitch
WHAT'S UP?
Looking dear as always
!!
twitch
!!!
BEEP
GAY?
DEAD
SERIOUS
swear
AH... ERHM... ARE YOU ...

OUCH...
HE RECENTLY SAID, THAT HE'S IN LOVE WITH TAKUTO!
What? I was only asking...
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!
WHACK
OW!
SEE?
THAT'S NOT NORMAL, IS IT?
BUT THEY'RE BOTH GUYS!
BUT ...
SNORT
SO WHAT? IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT?
I'M NOT GAY.
THOUGH IT'S TRUE THAT I LOVE YOUR BROTHER.
...
SAY THAT AGAIN AND I'LL KILL YOU!
BUT SERIKA!
You are the one who's not normal!

EVEN IF YOU AND IZUMI WOULD HAVE BEEN IDENTICAL TWINS.
SIMPLY. I COULDN'T LOVE ANY OTHER MAN
YAD YAD YAD
And how is that not gay?
I LOVE TAKUTO ONLY.

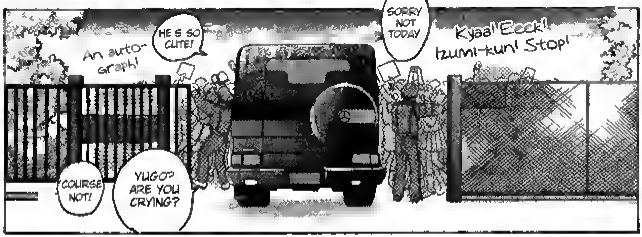
YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, ONCE YOU LOVE SOMEONE AS MUCH AS I DO
GRUMBLE
To me, that's still the same as being gay.
SO ROMANTIC!
Completely confused
WOW
ONCE YOU'VE FOUND THE RIGHT PERSON, YOU WON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE
I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT
OF COURSE!
I like her because she's a girl after all!
Height difference of 10 inches (26 cm)
AND IF SHE'D ACTUALLY TURN OUT TO BE A MALE? WOULD YOU CEASE TO LOVE HER?
Defies
HEY! IT SO HAPPENS THAT THERE'S A GIRL I LIKE A LOT! AND I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND!
IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOU CAN'T TRULY BE IN LOVE WITH HER
BECAUSE IF YOU LOVE SOMEONE FROM THE HEART, THINGS LIKE THAT ARE OF NO IMPORTANCE.

AND THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS ...
... TO TRULY LOVE SOMEONE.

Thank God!
...
He hasn't heard a thing
ZOMG
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT SO SERIOUSLY?
Appeared out of the blue
WHA!
AAH!
GULP
SWEAT
HUH?
KOOONK
turns away
HE'S NOT SO SLOW ANYMORE
AH LOOK, THERE'S THE CAR!
???
HAVE YOU TOLD THEM ONE OF YOUR FUNNY STORIES?
UHM, KOJI?
That's true Love!
BLUSH
We understand things like that, don't we Mika-chan?
NOD NOD

SERIKA-CHAN! YOU LOOK FABU-LOUS!
OH, SHIBUYA-SAN! LONG TIME NO SEE!
My my high-school-girls nowadays
Oh, knock it off!
WELL THEN, IZUMI
IT'S JUST LIKE YOU TO MAKE ME RACE THROUGH HALF THE CITY
OH YOU STILL HAVE TO WORK?
I'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO DON'T WAIT FOR ME
SOME-THING LIKE THAT
TOMOR-ROW MORNING ?
HM?
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU
SEE YOU!
AND WORK HARD!
YEAH YEAH

turns
YUGO, WHAT'S WRONG? YOU COMING?
SORRY, SHIBUYA
LIKE I MIND SPENDING SOME TIME WITH SUCH CUTE GIRLS!
Come on, girls Let's go Party!
DROP
HE HE HE
whisper
IF YOU DO ANYTHING PERVERTED TO TAKUTO, I'LL— I'LL MAKE YOU REGRET IT!
whisper
LONG
whisper
TOO LATE
whistle


An auto-graph!
HE'S SO CUTE!
SORRY NOT TODAY
Kyaa! Eeek! Izumi-kun! Stop!
COURSE NOT!
YUGO? ARE YOU CRYING?

Wow there're so many of them
SORRY! SORRY!
HEHE
KYAAAH
Takuto-saaan!
Just one autograph!
YOU'RE A STAR!
SOMETHING 'PERVERTED'
OH, STOP IT!

Takuto-kuuun!
I WANT TO SHOUT IT INTO THE WHOLE WORLD
An autograph!
IZUMI IS MINE.
HIS BEAUTIFUL BODY AND HIS PURE HEART...
...ALL THAT AND EVEN MORE!
NOBODY ELSE SHOULD EVER BE ALLOWED TO SEE THAT!

THE EXERCISES DURING THE TRAINING ARE ALWAYS THE SAME.

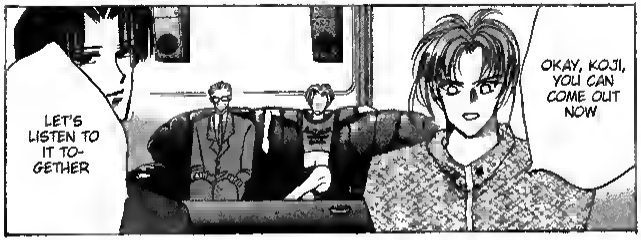
IZUMI NEVER COMPLAINS AND MASTERS ALL OF THEM!

AND EVERY FREE MINUTE HE SPENDS WATCHING HIS TEAM-MATES PLAY.

I WANT TO GO OUTSIDE!
TO PLAY SOCCER!
I WANT TO PLAY IN A MATCH!
TO FINALLY PLAY SOCCER AGAIN!

hum
...
Has restyled himself and dyed the tips of his hair black.
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? SHALL WE TAKE A BREAK NOW?
YOU'VE BEEN SINGING ALL THIS TIME. YOUR VOICE MUST BE...
NO. I'LL CONTINUE.
Ima nani o shiteru no?

Hanarareta iru ichibyo ga
Konna ni mo tsurai no ha
yappari ore dake da na no ka na
Ano hi hitotsu ni
kanjita
Ano nukumori ha
yume ka na
Yappari ore dake da
na no ka na
Kimi o aishiteru no ha
Aishiteru no ha


LET'S LISTEN TO IT TOGETHER
OKAY, KOJI, YOU CAN COME OUT NOW

... EH?
PUT THIS, THIS AND THAT ONE TOGETHER HERE
GOOD WORK!
OKAY
WHAT'S WRONG, DARLING? WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU?
SHIBUYA
gulp

KA-CHAK
....

BANG
ZOMG
...!
Take a-a-
whisper
YUCK.
WHAT THE HELL ...?
DEFINITELY NOT THE SAME.

WHAT THE HELL?!
KOJI!
bamm
SHIVER
Goose-bumps
EWWW
I HUGGED ANOTHER GUY.
I'm going to get sick
TOSS AWAY
Taka-chan's mouth is foaming.
FROZEN
WAH! Gomi can't move!
Get your-self to-gether!
TAKAFUMI, TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE!
KOJI! WAIT!
KOJI...

POINTLESS.
NO, THANKS. I'M SICK ALREADY
He was simply the closest person
Not that I'd want you to..
IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT AGAIN, PICK ME AND DON'T DO IT IN PUBLIC, OKAY?
HMPH.
IT WORKS ONLY IF IT'S IZUMI
GENDER DOESN'T MATTER TO ME AS LONG AS I'M WITH HIM
AM I NORMAL? WITH ANY OTHER MAN I COULD THROW UP... BUT WITH IZUMI, I SENSE THIS ELECTRICITY
I GROW HARD WHEN I JUST THINK ABOUT IT
... MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET A GIRLFRIEND.

A WOMAN
I WANT TO TEAR YOU APART
Hm..
YES, WHY NOT
BETTER SLEEPING WITH A WOMAN
BEFORE GETTING STRANGE THOUGHTS...
I WANT TO SPREAD YOUR GOLDEN THIGHS...
... AND WANT TO BREAK THE WINGS ON YOUR BACK...

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SHOOOOO

MHMM...
HM...

RROOOOOM

IZUMI! COME OVER HERE FOR A SECOND.

WHY DON'T WE TEST IT? HOW ABOUT A LITTLE PRACTICE MATCH?
ALMOST AS STRONG AS THE OTHER ONE.
HOW IS YOUR LEG?
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
WHAT?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO...
...then not.
WAAH!
LET ME PLAY PLEASE!
I WILL PLAY-- I WILL PLAY!

A MATCH!
THUMP
A MATCH!
THUMP
THUMP
AH! TAKU IS PLAYING!
QUICK, MY CAMERA!
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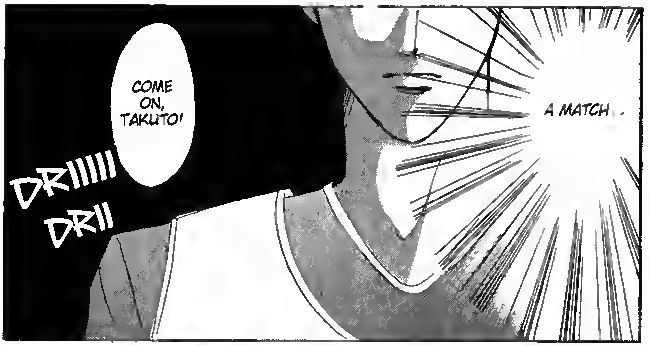
Waaah hahaha!
He's about to faint
MY LEG
IT FEELS GOOD...
THUMP
THUMP
NO PAIN...
adidas


COME ON, TAKUTO!
DRIIIII DRII
A MATCH

WHAT IS IT, NEWBIE?! I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU FOR DINNER!
♪
HEY HEY

?
THUD

A MATCH!!
WHAT?
OH?

EH?
KICK

EMBARRASSED
HUH?
What was that?!
EH? NOW WHAT?
chin drops
adidas
DON'T STAND AROUND LIKE STUFFED DUMMIES! MOVE!
THE DEFENSE!
...
STARE
WHAAAT?!!
GRRRR
HMPH
BLINK
AH... OH, I'M SORRY.
THE GOAL WAS JUST ... FREE
THAT WAS A GREAT SHOT!
WOW!
THAT GOES FOR YOU AS WELL, IZUMI!
OR DO YOU CALL THAT A MATCH?

COME AND TRY THAT AGAIN!
HISS
I'LL SHOW YOU FREE!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT THE DEFENSE WAS BLIND!
BITCH
WHINE
NOW, NOW, YOSHI!
I WAS JUST AS NEGLIGENT
NOW WE'LL BE SERIOUS.
MY PLEASURE!

Aren't we lucky?
THE WHOLE TEAM IS PARTICI-PATING!
THEY ARE HAVING A MATCH!
OH . IT'S ALREADY OVER?
WHAT IS GOING ON?
TAKU-CHAN HAS SCORED A GOAL!
ARE YOU SURE, TRAINER?
USUALLY, AFTER AN INJURY LIKE THAT HE'LL BE SUBCON-SCIOUSLY AFRAID OF USING HIS LEG
WINCE
NORMALLY IT TAKES MUCH TIME UNTIL YOU FIND BACK INTO THE GAME THE PSYCHOLOGICAL SHOCK IS LIKE A HIGH WALL THAT HAS TO BE OVERCOME AND YOU LET HIM PLAY SO SUDDENLY

THE MOMENT HAD TO COME, SOONER OR LATER. HE'S A PRO
AS SOON AS THE WOUND IS HEALED HE SHOULD GET A FEELING FOR HIS BODY.
YOU'LL PITCH ALL OUR TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS AGAINST HIM!
adidas
adidas
DRIII PRII
MAYBE ..
HE IS THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE...

HE'S COMING!
GET HIM! GET HIM, DAMN IT!
KATO!
FLASH

HE'S JUMPING!
JUMP

HEY!
HE'S COMPLETELY FREE!
WHAT ARE YOU IDIOTS DOING?!
STOP HIM!
TRAINER!
HMM...?
ISN'T THAT THE INJURED ONE, WHO WAS JUST TRAINING BY HIMSELF?
WOW, ONE DOESN'T EVEN SEE THAT HE'S BEEN PAUSING FOR SO LONG

AH...
IS HE CRAZY?
HE'S GOING FOR IHARA!

AAH...!
adidas
KAWASIN
6
IZUMI
...
THUD

SLIDE
UNGH!
HEY HEY
IZUMI?!
YOUR LEG?!
IDIOT!
HAHA! HE SHOWED HIM!
WHAT WAS HE THINKING?
UNGH
SOCCER...
EXCITED
...IS JUST THE BEST THING EVER!
THAT WAS QUITE RISKY.
STILL IN ONE PIECE?
Such a stunt is danger-ous.

TRUE ENOUGH.
Smile
yahooo!
DASH
YEAH. TRUE ENOUGH.
DONG

THIS IS GREAT!
I CAN RUN AGAIN!
MY BODY IS AS LIGHT AS A FEATHER! IT DOESN'T HURT ANYMORE!
WHAAAA WHAAA
OVER HERE!
HELP!
THE SUICIDE COMMAND IS COMING!
GYA HA HA HA HA
WHAAA
HE'S FAST!

BUMP
THIS IS WHAT I WAS BORN FOR!

UAAAAH!
SHOOOO
DREAM ON!
WHOOSH

CATCH
adidas
SHIT!
I'M NOT THAT EASY!

HEADS DOWN!
KICK
SO COME IF YOU DARE, KAMIKAZE!

INCREDIBLE! AFTER SUCH AN INJURY..
WE'VE MADE A LUCKY CATCH
WILL HE MAKE IT INTO THE SECOND HALF?
I'M SURE HE WILL
WELL, WE HAVE OUR ARTICLE FOR TOMORROW.
CLICK CLICK CLICK
LET ME THINK..
"TAKUTO IZUMI: THE KAMIKAZE PLAYER"
THE NEXT ONE WILL GET IN!
NISSAN
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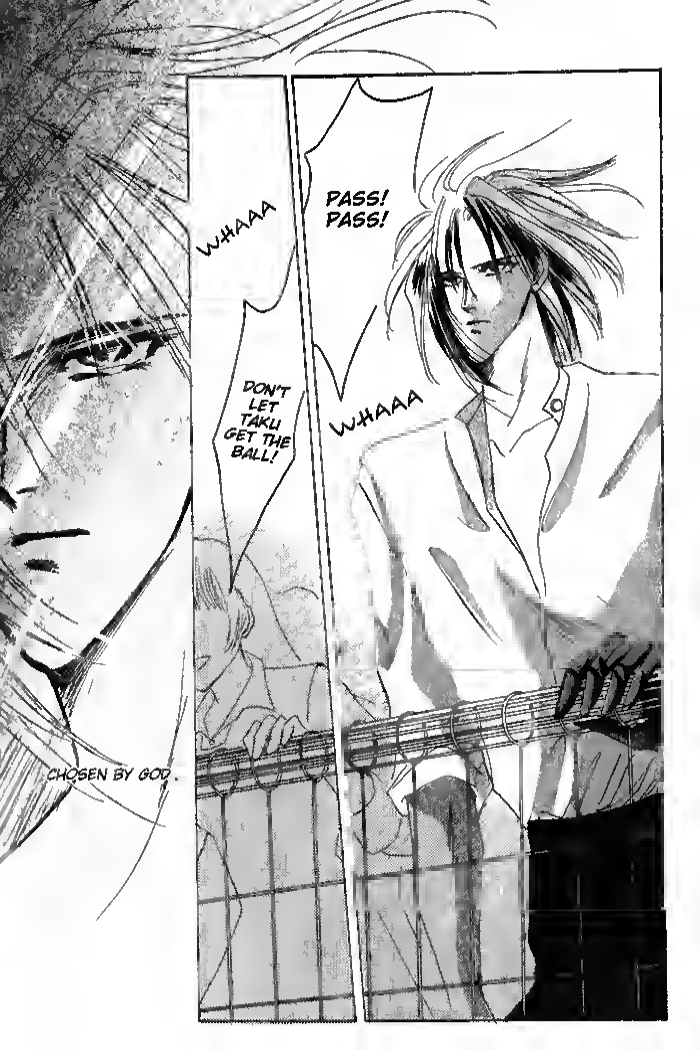
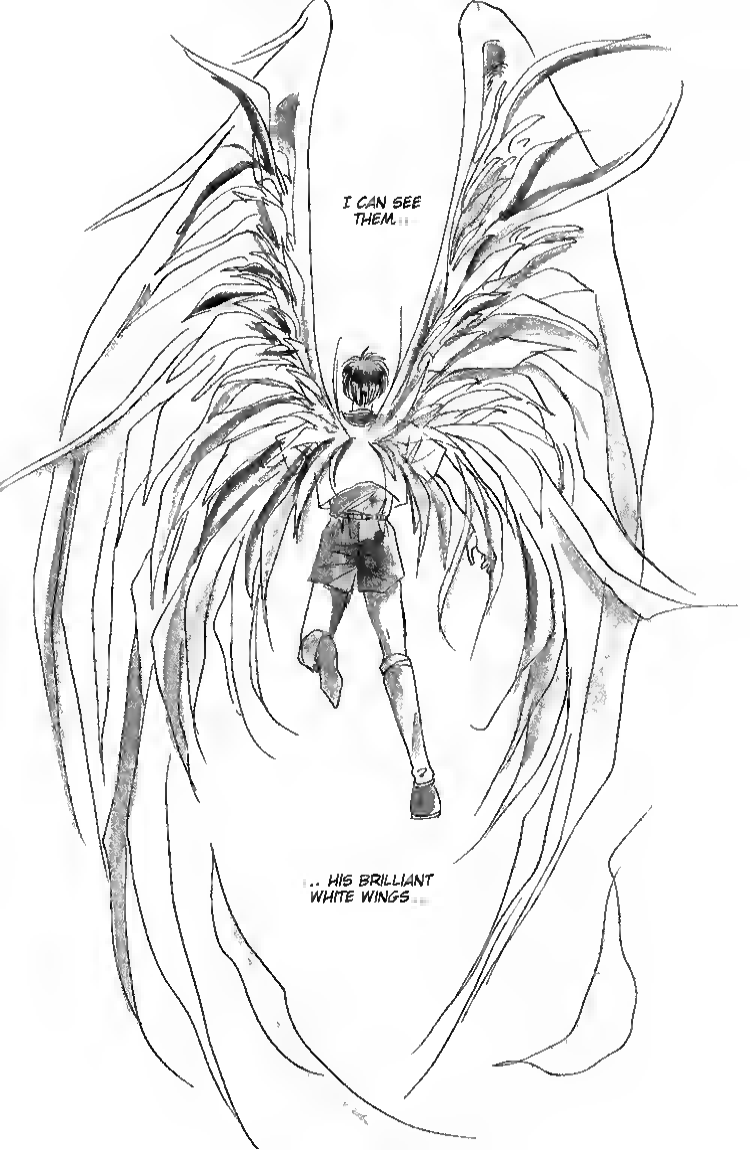

WHAAA
PASS! PASS!
DON'T LET TAKU GET THE BALL!
WHAAA
CHOSEN BY GOD.


I CAN SEE THEM...
... HIS BRILLIANT WHITE WINGS...